

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND
CHAIR HILDA L. SOLIS

January 05, 2016

On October 20, 2015, the Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer, in collaboration with the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, Director of Mental Health, and the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission, to develop an implementation plan for recommendations in the Homes for Heroes report prepared by the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. The Board also set aside \$5 million of available Homeless Prevention Initiative funds to be used for the recommended Homes for Heroes implementation Plan.

On November 19, 2015, the Chief Executive Office provided the Board with an implementation plan for recommendations contained in the Home for Heroes report that consisted of seven programs/strategies to be funded and/or implemented for an 18-month period from January 2016 to June 2017. Some of the programs/strategies that will be implemented to assist homeless veterans include: the Bridge Housing Strategy, which will work with existing housing providers to serve an estimated 80 veterans at any given time with shelter beds while they secure permanent housing; the Landlord Incentive Program, which provide landlords with incentives to commit to

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renting units to homeless veterans (approximately 750 units are anticipated to be secured); and the Move-In Cost Grant Program, which will provide approximately 500 veterans with grants to cover move-in costs, such as security deposits, utility turn-on fees, utility arrears, and moving costs.

The estimated cost of implementing the seven programs/strategies is \$3,776,500, with the remaining \$1,223,500 to be recommended for a Veterans Benefits Advocacy Program for Homeless Veterans, as part of the package of recommended Homeless Initiative strategies to be submitted to the Board in February 2016 by the Chief Executive Office.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer allocate \$1,122,000 to the Housing Authority of the County Los Angeles and \$2,654,500 to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority from the \$5,000,000 of Homeless Prevention Initiative funds for the purposes of implementing the Homes for Heroes plan, including the Veterans Bridge Funding Strategy, the “Rent to a Veteran” Landlord Incentive Program and the Homeless Veterans Move-In Cost Program.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the remaining \$1,223,500 of the \$5,000,000 Homeless Prevention Initiative set aside be earmarked for a Veterans Benefits Advocacy Program for homeless veterans, which will be part of the package of recommended strategies from the Homeless Initiative to be submitted for Board consideration in February 2016.

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